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## MORPC seeks Comments on Projects for TRAC's 2012-2013 Major/New Program

(Columbus –August 29, 2012) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is seeking comments on the prioritization of three projects submitted August 3<sup>rd</sup> for Transportation Review Advisory Committee (TRAC) funding. MORPC is requesting comments on the following projects submitted in the following priority order:

- 1. ODOT District 6: East West Connector
- 2. ODOT District 6: I-70/71/SR 315 Interchange Improvements
- 3. ODOT District 6: I-270/US 33 Interchange Improvements (Dublin)

A description of each project can be found at morpc.org/transportation/funding/TRAC.asp.

"These three projects which carry almost 400,000 vehicles per day, together with improvement to the North Central Outerbelt, are currently the most important projects in central Ohio to facilitate the safe movement of people and goods," said MORPC's Transportation Director Robert Lawler.

MORPC is seeking comments on these projects, any additional information to set or change the priorities, including any advantages and disadvantages of particular projects of which you may be aware. MORPC anticipates recommending regional priorities for adoption during the September business meetings. These priorities will be transmitted to TRAC on September 14th and a presentation of them may be made to TRAC in the fall.

Please provide comments to the attention of Claire Jennings by letter, fax (614-233-4250), or e-mail (cjennings@morpc.org) to arrive no later than September 4, 2012. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Jennings at 614-233-4150.

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